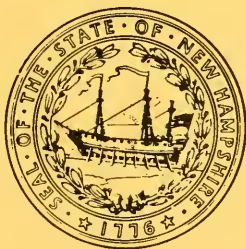


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Annual Report

FOR THE TOWN OF

**BENTON,
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



Year Ending December 31

1979

TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Annual Report

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979

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BENTON TOWN OFFICERS — 1979

Moderator:

John G. Elliott, Jr.

Term Expires 1980

Town Clerk: Marjorie L. Robitzer

Selectmen:

James R. White

Term Expires 1980

William J. Harris, Chairman

Term Expires 1981

James J. Page

Term Expires 1982

Treasurer: Priscilla T. Boutin

Tax Collector: Maxine M. Tyler

Deputy Collector: Marjorie L. Robitzer

Constable: Roy Irwin

Auditor: Robert E. Longpre

Sexton: David W. Harris

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber: William J. Harris

Overseer of Public Welfare: Maxine M. Tyler

Health Officer: Seraphene R. Harris

Supervisors of the Checklist:

John G. Elliott, Sr.

Term Expires 1980

Laura E. Mason

Term Expires 1982

Jeanette C. Enderson

Term Expires 1984

Ballot Clerks:

Iona V. Boutin

Maxine M. Tyler

Ballot Inspector: Katie J. Goodwin

Trustees of Trust Funds:

David W. Harris, Chairman

Term Expires 1980

Scott E. Roden

Term Expires 1981

Joseph N. Boutin, Sr.

Term Expires 1982

Community Building Committee:

Seraphene R. Harris, Chairman

Iona V. Boutin

Laura E. Mason

Planning Board:

Thomas F. Fenn

Term Expires 1980

Jean T. Longpre, Secretary

Term Expires 1981

John G. Elliott, Jr., Chairman

Term Expires 1982

Seraphene R. Harris

Term Expires 1983

James J. Page, ex officio

Term Expires 1982

Board of Adjustment:

Priscilla T. Boutin, Secretary

Term Expires 1980

Roy Irwin

Term Expires 1981

Scott E. Roden

Term Expires 1982

Wayne Klingler

Term Expires 1983

Richard E. Saffo

Term Expires 1984

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 11th) at seven o'clock in the evening to vote and act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for a term of three years; Treasurer; Tax Collector; Auditor; Sexton; one Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years; one member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of five years; and all other necessary Town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to create the office of Dog Officer, relieving the Constable of these responsibilities, and, according to the vote, will elect a Constable and a Dog Officer if needed.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment, as of this date, of the minimum wage for hourly labor performed for the Town.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$179.50 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid) as provided by Chapter 241 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budgeted appropriations for the following specific purposes and in the amounts indicated herewith, or take any other action hereon:

Appropriation	Amount
Home Health Service	\$300.00
Mental Health Service	300.00
Cottage Hospital	400.00

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$226.41 to support the program of the White Mountains Region Association.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to complete preparation of the North Benton portion of the Town tax map.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 to provide a police radio for the Constable.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated as recommended in the budget and will vote to raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of officers and agents as printed in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money for current indebtedness in anticipation of taxes collected in the year 1980 and to be paid therefrom.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collector's deeds.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a discount on current property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen if all previous taxes are paid and will vote to set the amount of said discount.

Given under our hands and seal at Benton this seventh day of February 1980.

JAMES R. WHITE
WILLIAM J. HARRIS
JAMES J. PAGE
Selectmen of Benton

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1979

Title of Appropriation:	Amount	Receipts and Reim- bursements	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,175.00	\$	\$ 1,218.00	\$	\$ 43.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,200.00		1,469.55		269.55
Election and Registration	300.00		294.00	6.00	
Town Buildings' Expenses	800.00		1,108.51		308.51
Police Department	250.00		265.50		15.50
Fire Department	2,573.00	24.62 ¹	5,840.56		3,242.94
Planning	300.00	26.50 ²	208.00	118.50	
Insurance	1,000.00	49.00 ³	1,300.00		251.00
Health Department	1,200.00		1,200.00		
Solid Waste Disposal	1,100.00		1,110.96		10.96
Town Road Aid	179.00		178.95	.05	
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	3,500.00		2,744.85	755.15	
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	3,500.00		3,444.95	55.05	
Highway Construction—New Subsidy	1,468.00 ⁴		1,804.79		336.79
Cemeteries	250.00		167.55	82.45	
Interest on Temporary Loans			98.38		98.38
	<hr/> \$18,795.00	<hr/> \$ 100.12	<hr/> \$22,454.55	<hr/> \$ 1,017.20	<hr/> \$ 4,576.63
					<hr/> - 1,017.20
					<hr/> \$ 3,559.43
				NET OVERDRAFT	

¹ State Share—Forest Fire

² Subdivision Costs

³ Return Premium

⁴ Actual subsidy \$1,401.08

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1980

Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1979

SOURCES OF REVENUE	1979 Budget	1979 Actual	1980 Estimated
From Local Taxes:			
Resident Taxes	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 1,200.00
Yield Taxes	6,357.00	5,666.13	4,350.00
Tax Interest and Costs	350.00	458.17	500.00
Resident Tax Penalties	30.00	23.00	20.00
Inventory Penalties	100.00	160.00	100.00
From State Sources:			
Meals and Rooms Tax	1,998.00	1,997.92	1,998.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	1,726.00	1,726.10	1,726.00
Savings Bank Tax	149.00	149.49	149.00
Highway Subsidy—Regular	2,263.00	2,267.98	2,266.00
Highway Subsidy—New	1,401.00	1,401.08	1,912.00
Highway Maintenance Allotment			91.00
National Forest Reserve			
(one-half)	1978 12,663.00	4,331.82	
	1979	4,284.40	4,250.00
Reimbursement a/c State			
and Federal Forest Land		104.98	3,654.00
Reimbursement a/c			
Fighting Forest Fires		24.62	
From Federal Sources:			
Federally-owned Entitlement Lands		3,160.00	3,150.00
From Local Sources			
Except Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle Permits	4,000.00	4,462.00	4,500.00
Dog Licenses	250.00	392.50	300.00
Permits and Fees	10.00	46.50	20.00
Interest on Deposits	750.00	678.05	750.00
Income From Trust Funds	303.00	303.24	289.00
Refunds		49.00	
Receipts Other than			
Current Revenue:			
Revenue Sharing Funds	2,400.00	2,400.00	1,000.00
Antirecession Funds	556.00		
TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$36,586.00	\$35,266.98	\$32,225.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes:	54,478.00	47,796.18	75,852.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$91,064.00	\$83,063.16	\$108,077.00

Preliminary Budget—Subject to Change at Public Hearing

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1980 Compared with Actual Expenditures for the Year 1979

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURE	1979 Budget	1979 Actual	1980 Estimated
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 1,218.00	\$ 1,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,200.00*	1,469.55*	1,500.00
Election and Registration	300.00	294.00	1,200.00
Town Buildings' Expenses	800.00	1,108.51	1,500.00
Police Department	250.00	265.50	100.00
Fire Department	2,573.00	5,840.56	300.00
Planning	300.00	208.00	200.00
Insurance	1,000.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Health Department			
Ambulance Service	100.00*	100.00*	100.00
Home Health Service	300.00*	300.00*	300.00*
Mental Health Service	300.00*	300.00*	300.00*
Cottage Hospital	500.00*	500.00*	400.00*
Solid Waste Disposal	1,100.00	1,110.96	1,111.00
Town Road Aid	179.00	178.95	180.00
Town Road Maintenance			
Summer	3,500.00	2,744.85	3,591.00
Winter	3,500.00	3,444.95	3,500.00
Highway Construction—New Subsidy	1,468.00	1,804.79	1,912.00
Regional Association			226.00
Cemeteries	250.00	167.55	250.00
Debt Service:			
Interest on Temporary Loans		98.38	100.00
Capital Outlay:			
Tax Map			500.00
Police Radio			750.00
TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	\$18,795.00	\$22,454.55	\$20,520.00
School Appropriation:	69,380.00	30,432.00	81,057.00
County Assessment:	4,816.00	4,816.00	6,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$92,991.00	\$57,702.55	\$108,077.00

*Revenue Sharing Funds

Preliminary Budget—Subject to Change at Public Hearing

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Description of Property:	1978	1979
Land	\$ 560,730.00	\$ 650,250.00
Buildings	818,020.00	930,080.00
Public Utilities—Electric	21,180.00	23,570.00
Personal Property—Mobile Homes	11,090.00	22,930.00
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TOTAL VALUATION	\$1,411,020.00	\$1,626,830.00
Exemptions—Elderly:	- 18,760.00	- 19,080.00
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NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED	\$1,392,260.00	\$1,607,750.00

STATEMENT OF ASSESSED TAXES

Total Appropriations:	1978	1979
Net Town Appropriations	\$ (19,918.00)	\$ (17,791.00)
Net School Appropriation	50,408.00	69,380.00
County Tax Assessment	7,158.00	4,816.00
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	\$ 37,648.00	\$ 56,405.00
Reimbursement a/c Business Profits Tax:	- 1,141.00	- 3,365.00
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	\$ 36,507.00	\$ 53,040.00
War Service Credits:	1,041.00	1,127.00
Overlay:	730.00	1,438.00
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	\$ 38,278.00	\$ 55,605.00
Less War Service Credits:	- 1,041.00	- 1,127.00
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TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$ 37,237.00	\$ 54,478.00
Tax Rate / \$100	\$2.74	\$3.46

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1979

ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer		
Checking Account	\$42,595.02	
Savings Account	7,856.00	
Yield Tax Deposits	2,897.00	
Revenue Sharing Account	65.19	
	<hr/>	\$53,413.21
Accounts Due Town From State:		
1979 Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands		3,654.08
 Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1978	\$59.30	
Levy of 1977	51.75	
	<hr/>	101.05
 Uncollected Taxes, Levy of 1979:		
Property Taxes	\$12,332.44	
Resident Taxes	180.00	
Yield Taxes	44.12	
	<hr/>	12,556.56
 TOTAL ASSETS		<hr/> \$ 69,724.90

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:		
Yield Tax Deposits	\$ 2,897.00	
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	65.19	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,962.19
 Bond & Debt Retirement Tax		1,140.58
School Appropriation	\$58,496.00	
1979 National Forest Reserve (1/2)	4,284.41	
	<hr/>	62,780.41
 TOTAL LIABILITIES		<hr/> \$66,883.18
 Current Surplus:		2,841.72
		<hr/> \$ 69,724.90

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector and Uncollected Taxes 1/1/79:	Levy of 1979	Levy of 1978
Property Tax	\$54,625.46	\$ 6,911.65
Property Tax Interest		368.25
Resident Tax	1,280.00	140.00
Resident Tax Penalty	11.00	12.00
Yield Tax	6,843.48	
Overpayments	2.00	2.06
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$62,761.94	\$ 7,433.96

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Tax	\$40,884.53	\$ 6,911.65
Property Tax Interest		368.25
Resident Tax	1,060.00	120.00
Resident Tax Penalty	11.00	12.00
Yield Tax	6,799.36	
Overpayment Resident Tax	2.00	
Overpayment Property Tax Interest		2.06
Overpayment Discount	131.01	
Discounts Allowed:	1,178.35	
Abatements:		
Property Tax	99.13	
Resident Tax	40.00	20.00
Uncollected Taxes:		
Property Tax	\$12,332.44	
Resident Tax	180.00	
Yield Tax	44.12	
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$62,761.94	\$ 7,433.96

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979

DEBITS

	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:		
	1978	1977	1976
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes 1/1/79	\$	\$ 552.95	\$ 141.12
Taxes Sold During Year	1,535.60		
Interest Collected After Sale	11.29	4.10	32.11
Redemption Costs	15.25	11.97	15.20
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 1,562.14	\$ 569.02	\$ 188.43

CREDITS

Remittances During Year:

Redemptions	\$ 237.34	\$ 61.43	\$ 141.12
Interest and Costs After Sale	26.54	16.07	47.31
Partial Redemption		50.00	
Unredeemed Taxes 12/31/79	1,298.26	441.52	
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TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 1,562.14	\$ 569.02	\$ 188.43

TAX COLLECTOR'S UNCOLLECTED TAXES

As of December 31, 1979

Name	Property	LEVY OF 1979		Resident
		Yield		
Albert, George V.	\$ 59.17	\$	\$	
Aldrich, Jacob W. & Jacqueline J.	803.92			
*Bailey, Gerald C.	38.75			
Basnar, Reginald H. & Barbara	47.06			
Bierig, Robert W. & Sandra T.	112.76			
Boutin, Albert J., Jr. & Paula	31.14			
Boutin, Carol				10.00
Boutin, David & Melinda C.				20.00
Boutin, Paul L., Sr. & Doris E.	137.19			
Boutin, Paul L., Jr.				10.00
Boutin, Ronald G. & April R.	285.62			10.00
Chamberlin, Betty				10.00
Chamberlin, Richard & June	84.08			
Clark, Charles V. & Christina M.	342.89			20.00
Clark, Forrest S.	198.60			
Corrigan, James H.	392.33			
Driscoll, Diane				10.00
DeGrassie, John E.	79.58			
Drew, Sharon	52.25			
Elliott, Benjamin, Sr., et al	45.33			
Elliott, Bruce A. & Dorothy I.	119.02			
Elliott, Daniel R. & Laurie S.	71.62			
Elliott, James W. & Margaret D.	658.26			
Elliott, John G., Jr. & Catherine L.	515.37			
Fenn, Edward & Diane	147.05			
Fenn, Francis W.	318.52			
Fenn, Thomas F. & J. Frances	1,478.22			
Fernald, Robert & Amy	14.88			
Fournier, Arthur J. & Ethel M.	246.35			
Girard, Raymond	79.58			
Hansen, Joel W.	99.65			
Hansen, Joel W. & Graziano, Brendylyn C.	59.51			
Hanson, Charles E.	182.34			
Harris, David W.	21.62			
Harris, John & Alice	173.00			

Harris, Michael E. & Helena L.	44.98		
Higgins, David A. & Joan C.	163.97		
Irwin, Roy F. & Judith A.	434.92		
Klingler, Wayne R. & Barbara A.	415.55		
Lackie, Frederick H. & Susan J.			20.00
Lafrance, Paul W. & Lorraine J.	65.39		
Lorden, Michael J. & Timothy J.	427.97		
Markham, Mary L., et al	85.81		
Mason, Lloyd A. & Laura E.	131.30		20.00
Mayo, Joseph P. & Judith A.	84.08		
Nickles, Raymond C. & Elizabeth P.	578.17		
Noble, Robert L. & Helen	133.56		
Paul, Edward M. & Marian	353.61		
Poirier, Robert J. & Doris M.	310.02		20.00
Reed, Donald F. & Lois A.	55.36		
Richardson, Charles H. & Joyce E.	44.29		
Rodman, Richard L. & Anne L.	764.31		
Schoff Lumber Co.		44.12	
Smith, William F. & Denise	71.62		
Talford, Benjamin F., et al	481.29		
Thompson, Peter A. & Kimberly L. S.	348.77		10.00
White, James R. & Doreen W.	442.01		20.00
TOTAL UNCOLLECTED	\$12,332.44	\$ 44.12	\$ 180.00

*Paid after 12/31/79

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1979, on account of the tax levy of 1979, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MAXINE M. TYLER
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT and DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:

	Levy of 1976	
Tax Sale Redemptions	\$ 141.12	
Redemption Interest and Costs	<u>47.31</u>	\$ 188.43

	Levy of 1977	
Tax Sale Redemptions	\$ 61.43	
Redemption Interest and Costs	16.07	
Partial Redemption Payment	<u>50.00</u>	127.50

	Levy of 1978	
Property Tax	\$ 6,911.65	
Property Tax Interest	368.25	
Property Tax Interest Overpayment	2.06	
Resident Tax	120.00	
Resident Tax Abatement	20.00	
Resident Tax Penalty	12.00	
Tax Sale Redemptions	237.34	
Redemption Interest and Costs	<u>26.54</u>	7,697.84

	Levy of 1979	
Property Tax	\$40,884.53	
Property Tax Abatement	99.13	
Property Tax Discount Overpayment	131.01	
Resident Tax	1,060.00	
Resident Tax Abatement	40.00	
Resident Tax Penalty	11.00	
Resident Tax Overpayment	2.00	
Yield Tax	<u>6,799.36</u>	49,027.03

From Town Clerk:

1979 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 4,462.00	
1978 Dog Licenses	10.00	
1979 Dog Licenses	<u>146.50</u>	4,618.50

From Constable:

Dog Licenses		236.00
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From Selectmen:

Pistol Permits		20.00
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From Planning Board:		
Subdivision Costs	\$ 25.00	
Sale of Regulations	<u>1.50</u>	26.50
From Trust Funds:		
For Cemeteries	\$ 190.75	
For Highways	<u>112.49</u>	303.24
From Interest on Deposits:		
Yield Tax Account	\$ 218.30	
Savings Account	<u>459.75</u>	678.05
From Refunds:		
Franconia Insurance Agency (return premium)		49.00
From Tax Anticipation Note:		
Lafayette National Bank		3,000.00
From Special Accounts:		
Yield Tax Account	\$ 6,852.80	
Savings Account	16,900.00	
Deposit Corrected	<u>357.00</u>	24,109.80
From Federal Sources:		
Revenue Sharing Funds	\$ 2,400.00	
Federally-owned Entitlement Lands	<u>3,160.00</u>	5,560.00
From State Sources:		
Meals and Rooms Tax	\$ 1,997.02	
Interest and Dividends Tax	1,726.10	
Savings Bank Tax	149.49	
Highway Subsidy-Regular	2,267.98	
Highway Subsidy-New	1,401.08	
National Forest Reserve—1978	8,663.65	
National Forest Reserve—1979	8,586.81	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands—1978	104.98	
Reimbursement a/c Fighting Forest Fires	24.62	
Reimbursement a/c Business Profits Tax	<u>3,364.70</u>	28,287.33
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$123,929.22
Balance on Hand 1/1/79		<u>12,186.59</u>
		\$136,115.81
Less Selectmen's Orders		<u>-93,527.89</u>
		\$ 42,587.92
Payment Stopped—1978 Checks		<u>7.10</u>
Balance in Checking Account 12/31/79		\$ 42,595.02

TREASURER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Revenue Sharing Funds:

Balance on Hand 1/1/79	\$ 943.20	
Receipts	1,428.00	
Interest Added	<u>93.99</u>	\$ 2,465.19

Funds Expended:

Town Officers' Expenses	\$ 1,200.00	
Health Department:		
Ambulance Service	\$ 100.00	
Home Health Service	300.00	
Mental Health Service	300.00	
Cottage Hospital	<u>500.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
		- 2,400.00
Balance on Hand 12/31/79		\$ 65.19

Yield Tax Deposits:

Balance on Hand 1/1/79	\$ 6,851.00	
Receipts	2,897.00	
Interest Added	<u>220.10</u>	\$ 9,968.10
Yield Tax Withdrawn	\$ 6,852.80	
Interest Withdrawn	<u>218.30</u>	- 7,071.10
Balance on Hand 12/31/79		\$ 2,897.00

Savings Account:

Balance on Hand 1/1/79	\$ 4,756.00	
Receipts	20,000.00	
Interest Added	<u>459.75</u>	\$25,215.75
Withdrawals	\$16,900.00	
Interest Withdrawn	<u>459.75</u>	-17,359.75
Balance on Hand 12/31/79		\$ 7,856.00

Respectfully submitted,
PRISCILLA T. BOUTIN
Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

William J. Harris, Selectman	\$ 224.00	
James J. Page, Selectman	224.00	
James R. White, Selectman	150.00	
Marjorie L. Robitzer, Town Clerk	150.00	
Maxine M. Tyler, Tax Collector	200.00	
Priscilla T. Boutin, Treasurer	200.00	
David W. Harris, Trustee	20.00	
Robert E. Longpre, Auditor 1978 & 1979	<u>50.00</u>	\$ 1,218.00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Town Report, Courier Printing Co.	\$ 522.00	
Dues: N.H. Municipal Association	200.00	
Officer Associations	40.00	
Fees	110.30	
Postage	247.85	
Supplies	191.62	
Telephone	5.03	
Mileage	18.00	
Officer Bonds, Franconia Insurance Agency	116.00	
Register of Deeds	10.75	
Safe Deposit Box, Lafayette National Bank	<u>8.00</u>	1,469.55

Election and Registration:

John G. Elliott, Jr., Moderator	\$ 24.00	
William J. Harris, Selectman	24.00	
James J. Page, Selectman	24.00	
James R. White, Selectman	24.00	
Laura E. Mason, Supervisor	60.00	
John G. Elliott, Sr., Supervisor	60.00	
Jeanette C. Enderson, Supervisor	40.00	
Advertising	<u>38.00</u>	294.00

Town Buildings' Expense:

Electric, N.H. Electric Cooperative, Inc.	\$ 263.29	
Fuel, Bradford Oil Co.	660.42	
Repairs and Maintenance	<u>184.80</u>	1,108.51

Police Department:

Roy Irwin, Constable	\$ 100.00	
Equipment	160.00	
Fees	<u>5.50</u>	265.50

Fire Department:

Boutin Fire: North Haverhill	\$ 780.00	
Woodsville	1,065.00	
Haverhill Corner	350.00	
Bath	378.00	
	<u>\$ 2,573.00</u>	

Kealey Fire:	North Haverhill	\$ 924.00	
	Woodsville	1,368.00	
	Bath	<u>310.00</u>	
		\$ 2,602.00	
Clark Fire:	North Haverhill	\$ 600.00	
Loon Mtn. Fire:	William J. Harris	\$ 37.64	
	James R. White	<u>27.92</u>	
		\$ 65.56	5,840.56
Planning:			
	North Country Council	\$ 185.00	
	Subdivision Costs	17.00	
	Printing	<u>6.00</u>	208.00
Insurance:			
	Franconia Insurance Agency		
	General Liability	\$ 455.00	
	Workmen's Compensation	368.00	
	Community Building	<u>477.00</u>	1,300.00
Health Department:			
	North Country Home Health Agency	\$ 300.00	
	White Mountain Mental Health Center	300.00	
	Cottage Hospital	500.00	
	Cottage Hospital Ambulance Service	<u>100.00</u>	1,200.00
Solid Waste Disposal:			
	Leete-Powers Landfill		1,110.96
Town Road Aid:			
	Appropriation		178.95
Town Road Maintenance—Summer:			
	Labor and Equipment, Elliott & Sons		
	Construction	\$ 2,466.45	
	Repairs to Tunnel Bridge	227.40	
	Culvert	<u>51.00</u>	2,744.85
Town Road Maintenance—Winter:			
	Labor and Equipment, Elliott & Sons		
	Construction	\$ 3,069.49	
	Grader Hire, C. V. Elms	54.00	
	Plastic, Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Inc.	81.90	
	Salt, International Salt Co.	<u>239.56</u>	3,444.95
Highway Construction—New Subsidy:			
	Labor and Equipment, Elliott & Sons		
	Construction	\$ 793.00	
	Truck Hire, Town of Bath	141.00	
	Gravel, French Pond Crushing	596.70	
	Overdraft to State	<u>274.09</u>	1,804.79

CEMETERIES:

William J. Harris, Labor	\$ 105.00	
David W. Harris, Labor	39.00	
Grass Seed and Flowers	<u>23.55</u>	167.55

Abatements, Discounts and Overpayments:

Abatements to Tax Collector	\$ 159.13	
Abatements to Individuals	98.38	
Overpayments to Tax Collector	135.07	
Overpaid Yield Tax Deposit	2,065.75	
Error in Posting Receipts	<u>357.00</u>	2,815.33

Tax Redemptions:

Robert E. Longpre		260.53
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Taxes Bought by Town:

59.30

Yield Tax Deposits:

Maxine M. Tyler, Collector		4,815.25
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Payment to Savings Account:

Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank		20,000.00
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Tax Anticipation Note:

Lafayette National Bank: Principal	\$ 3,000.00	
Interest	<u>98.38</u>	3,098.38

Payments to State:

Bond & Debt. Retirement Tax	\$ 520.43	
Dog Taxes	<u>22.50</u>	542.93

Payment to County:

1979 Assessment		4,816.00
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Payments to School District:

National Forest Reserve (1/2) — 1978	\$ 4,331.83	
Appropriation: 1978-79 School Year	19,548.17	
1979-80 School Year	<u>10,884.00</u>	34,764.00

TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$93,527.89

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK and DEPUTY COLLECTOR

I hereby submit the following report of funds received by me and paid over to the Treasurer or Tax Collector during the fiscal year ending December 31, 1979.

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits:

1979 Permits — 201	\$ 4,648.50	
Less Fees Retained	<u>- 186.50</u>	\$ 4,462.00

Dog Licenses:

1978 Error Corrected		10.00
1979 Licenses — 32	\$ 162.50	
Less Fees Retained	<u>- 16.00</u>	146.50

Resident Taxes and Penalties:		<u>234.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 4,852.50

CREDITS

Transmitted to Treasurer:

1979 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 4,462.00	
1978 Dog Licenses	10.00	
1979 Dog Licenses	<u>146.50</u>	\$ 4,618.50

Transmitted to Tax Collector:

Resident Taxes and Penalties		<u>234.00</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 4,852.50

Respectfully submitted,
MARJORIE L. ROBITZER
Town Clerk and Deputy Collector

TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds and Selectmen and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

February 11, 1980

ROBERT E. LONGPRE
Auditor

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1979

There are in the custody of the Trustees the following Trust Funds bequeathed to the Town of Benton. The income received during the year is distributed as specified by the donors of the funds.

Name of Fund	Amount	Distribution of Income		
		Cemetery	School	Highway
Ira Whitcher	\$ 500.00	\$ 39.01	\$	\$
Whitcher & Mann	500.00	20.91	9.05	9.05
Whitcher & Mann	1,000.00	41.84	18.11	18.11
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		64.49	
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00			64.49
J. C. Speed	132.11	10.78		
Whitcher & Kendall	189.69	15.48		
Geo. H. Clark	190.27	15.49		
Ella Mann	50.00	4.07		
Kendrick Howe	50.00	4.07		
Wm. T. Torsey	45.46	3.70		
Sam'l Annis	45.46	3.70		
Jonithan Davis	45.46	3.70		
Isabella Tyler	50.00	4.07		
D. M. & K. L. Howe	100.00	8.14		
Ira Whitcher	13.19	1.07		
Maude & Lee McKean	100.00	8.14		
Vevah Leonard	250.00	13.19		
Library Fund	190.99		10.12	
L. H. Parker	200.00		Field Not Rented	
TOTAL	\$7,152.63	\$ 197.36	\$ 101.77	\$ 91.65

The above funds are deposited in savings accounts or invested in government bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lafayette National Bank (Lisbon Branch) at Lisbon, N.H.

Respectfully submitted,
 DAVID W. HARRIS
 SCOTT E. RODEN
 JOSEPH N. BOUTIN, SR.
 Trustees of Trust Funds

COMMUNITY BUILDING REPORT

This year seven dinners were held in the Community Building, including one for the Heart Fund and one for the Kealey family and two for the Children's Christmas Party. We also rented the building twice for private parties. The selectmen and planning board continued to hold their monthly meetings in the building.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Arland Robitzer for painting the windows; they did an excellent job. Now we will work to finish painting the rest of the building and install storm windows.

Balance on Hand 1/1/79		\$ 160.00
Receipts:		
Dinners	\$ 1,044.00	
Donations	25.00	
TV Raffle	185.00	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		<hr/> \$ 1,414.00
Expenses:		
Food and Supplies	\$ 436.95	
Hook Up Gas Stove	53.28	
Gas	3.47	
Everett Sawyer — Door	50.00	
Repairs and Supplies	42.30	
Christmas Party	250.00	
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TOTAL EXPENSES		- 836.00
Balance on Hand 12/31/79		<hr/> \$ 578.00

SERAPHENE HARRIS, Chairman
Community Building Committee

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1979

DISTRICT OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Priscilla Boutin, Chairperson	Term Expires 1982
Mrs. Jeannette Enderson	Term Expires 1980
Mrs. Betty Nickles	Term Expires 1982

Other District Officers

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Jean Longpre	Clerk
Mr. Roy Irwin	Truant Officer
Mr. Norman H. Mullen	Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Harold J. Haskins	Assistant Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

March 13, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by the Moderator, Mr. James J. Page. The School Warrant was read by Mr. Page. A motion was then made and seconded to recess the school meeting until the completion of the town meeting. Vote in the affirmative.

The recessed school meeting was called to order at 10:00 P.M. by the Moderator, Mr. Page. The following action was then taken on the articles in the warrant.

- Article 1. James J. Page was nominated for the office of Moderator for the coming year. The motion was seconded and the clerk cast one ballot.
- Article 2. Jean T. Longpre was nominated for the office of Clerk for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded and the Moderator cast one ballot.
- Article 3. Priscilla Boutin was nominated for the position of Member of the School Board for a term of three (3) years. The motion was seconded and the clerk cast one ballot.
- Article 4. Maxine Tyler was nominated for the office of Treasurer for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded and the clerk cast one ballot.
- Article 5. Priscilla Boutin, Chairperson of the School Board, stated that the salaries of district officers were as follows: Chairperson, \$75.00; other two Board members, \$50.00 each; Treasurer, \$50.00; Clerk, \$16.00, making a total of \$241.00. Mrs. Boutin said that there was no salary for the Truant Officer as this was an unneeded office. It was decided to consider the position of Truant Officer under Article 7 and a motion was then made and seconded to accept Article 5 as amended. Motion carried.
- Article 6. As there were no other reports a motion was made and seconded to accept Article 6. Vote in the affirmative.
- Article 7. Roy Irwin was nominated for the office of Truant Officer for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded and the clerk cast one ballot. Iona Boutin was then nominated for the office of Auditor for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded and the clerk cast one ballot.

Article 8. Mr. James J. Page requested that John Elliott, Jr. take his place as Moderator so that he could ask some questions on the school budget. Mr. Elliott then took over as Moderator. It was then agreed to permit Mr. Harold J. Haskins, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, to answer questions. Mr. Page then asked Mr. Haskins to explain a discrepancy in the figures given in the Town Report on page 29 under "Estimated Income for 1979-1980". Mr. Page pointed out that the National Forest Reserve figure should be \$4,331.83 instead of \$2,282.82 and that the Trust Fund Income figure should have been listed as \$132.24 instead of \$50.00. Mr. Haskins said that the figures as listed in the report were a misprint, that the figures had not been properly recorded and he will change them. Mr. Page then said that the correct figure for the "Estimated Amount to be Raised by 1979 Property Taxes" should be listed as \$69,454,89. Mr. Haskins then said that he would list this amount as the estimated amount to be raised by taxes. Mr. Elliott then stepped down and Mr. Page resumed as Moderator. At this point Mr. Jacob Aldrich made a motion that the school meeting be adjourned to a later date so that there could be a proper and detailed discussion of the budget. The motion was seconded and a vote in the affirmative resulted. Mr. Arland Robitzer then requested that the meeting be arranged so that Mr. Haskins would again be present to answer questions. The meeting was recessed at 10:30 to a later date, time and place to be set by the School Board.

JEAN T. LONGPRE
Clerk

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

March 28, 1979

The recessed School District Meeting of March 13, 1979 was reconvened on Wednesday evening, March 28, 1979 at 7:30 o'clock at the Community Building. The Moderator, Mr. James J. Page called the meeting to order and then read Article 8. Maxine Tyler read the minutes (Article 8) of the March 13th meeting. The following discussion and action then took place.

Article 8. Mr. Jacob Aldrich stated he wished Mr. Mullen had been present. He also stated we do not have proper Communications with Supervisory Union #23. Mr. Aldrich asked Mr. Haskins for an explanation of the difference in the tuition figures for the Junior High and the Senior High. Mr. Haskins explained the procedure of tuition figures. The increase in Junior High is because more money was put in making better programs than in Senior High.

Mr. Aldrich then asked about Busing Contracts, stating that other towns have 3 year contracts instead of five year contracts. He said we have a 70% increase in costs. Mr. Haskins agreed a 70% increase is a large increase over a 5 year period. The new \$12,000 contract calls for \$.81 a mile and the old contract was \$.56 a mile. Mr. Aldrich pointed out a discrepancy in mileage of over 2,000 miles on the transportation information sheets between the figures for 1978-1979 and 1979-1980. It was explained that the 1978-1979 table did not include the Benton Flats mileage. It was felt we were not given true figures on transportation. There are 12 children in Benton Flats but the figure fluctuates. We have to allow for children coming in and dropping out. Mr. Robitzer told about the Blue Mt. transportation figures. Mr. Haskins feels the figures are comparable to other places in the area. Priscilla Boutin told about the old contract of \$5,500. With the increase of children Mr. Clough had asked for \$1,500 more. Mr. Robitzer asked if an escalation clause could be included in the contract if gas should go over \$.80 a gallon. The new contract is for 55 pupils with gas figured at \$.80 a gallon. Priscilla Boutin mentioned that Mr. Hardy had asked to have transportation of his children and that the State had informed the School Board that we had to transport the children. It was mentioned that maybe it would be wise to transport

Benton Flats children ourselves. Mr. Haskins said that the round trip to Benton was 60 miles and to Benton Flats 28 miles, a $\frac{2}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ ratio. Mr. Robitzer said Benton in another two years would not be the same with world affairs as they are going and gasoline and oil would affect everyone. Mr. Haskins remarked that some thought is being taken on running schools more in warmer weather to save energy. We are just touching the surface to save energy.

The suggestion was made to transport grade school children only but this was thought not a good idea.

Kindergarten was discussed. It was believed that we would have 3 pupils instead of 2. It was suggested to discontinue Kindergarten and have Mothers get together as they did a few years ago. It was discussed but no one made a motion so the matter was dropped. There were only 14 voters present.

A motion was then made and seconded that the District raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, the sum of \$75,075.96. Motion passed. Vote in the affirmative.

Article 9. As there was no other business a motion was made to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

MAXINE TYLER
Acting Clerk

SCHOOL WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said district on the 11th day of March, 1980, at 8:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

- ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
- ARTICLE 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 3. To choose one Member of the School Board for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE 4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of other officers or agents of the district.
- ARTICLE 6. To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers Chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
- ARTICLE 7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
- ARTICLE 8. To see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400.00 for a deficiency appropriation in the 1979-1980 fiscal year.
- ARTICLE 9. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town.
- ARTICLE 10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

PRISCILLA BOUTIN
JEANNETTE ENDERSON
BETTY NICKLES
School Board of Benton

BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON
1980-1981

Item Description	Adopted Budget 1979-80	Proposed Budget 1980-81
1000 INSTRUCTION		
1100 Regular Instruction		
561 Tuition	\$61,125.00	\$71,737.50
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES		
2300 General Administration		
870 Contingency Fund	50.00	50.00
2311 School Board Services		
110 Salaries	175.00	175.00
530 Printing, Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
2312 Clerk of Board Services		
110 Salaries	16.00	16.00
2313 Treasurer's Services		
110 Salary	50.00	50.00
2317 Audit Services		
110 Salary	25.00	25.00
2321 Office of Superintendent Services		
351 SAU Management	1,434.96	1,423.77
2550 Pupil Transportation		
513 Contracted Services	12,000.00	12,000.00
870 Contingency		1,000.00
TOTAL	<hr/> \$75,075.96	<hr/> \$86,677.27

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 1980-1981

Balance on Hand June 30, 1980	0.00
State Aid:	
Sweepstakes	1,156.54
Federal Aid:	
National Forest Reserve	4,331.83
Trust Fund Income	132.24
Estimated Amount to be Raised by 1980 Property Taxes	81,056.66
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$86,677.27

We recommend that the District adopt the Proposed Budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$86,677.27 for the school year 1980-1981.

PRISCILLA BOUTIN
JEANNETTE ENDERSON
BETTY NICKLES
School Board of Benton

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

I move that the District raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, the sum of \$86,677.27.

REVISED INCOME FOR 1979-1980

Unencumbered Balance	181.24
Sweepstakes	1,156.54
National Forest Reserve	4,331.83
Trust Fund Income	132.24
Total Revenue and Credits	5,801.85
Amount to be Raised by 1979 Taxes	69,274.11
TOTAL	\$75,075.96

STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1979

		Adopted Budget 1978-1979	Paid Out 1978-1979
100	Administration		
110.1	Salaries of District Officers	\$ 241.00	\$ 241.00
135	Contracted Services	25.00	16.00
190	Other Expenses		
.1	District Officers	200.00	44.60
500	Pupil Transportation		
535	Contracted Services	7,000.00	5,500.00
1400	Outgoing Transfer Accounts		
1477	Expenditures to Other School District, Public Academies, or Administrative Units in the State		
.1	Tuition	51,512.05	47,280.98
*.3	District Share of Supervisory Union Expenses	1,514.61	1,379.69
	CONTINGENCY FUND	50.00	
CASH ON HAND AT END OF YEAR			
JUNE 30, 1979			
3001	General Fund		116.20
TOTAL		<hr/> \$60,542.66	<hr/> \$54,578.47

*This figure includes the amount of \$312.63, the district's share of the Superintendent's salary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1978	\$ 114.90
Received from Local Sources	
Current Appropriation	48,842.96
Other Revenue from Local Sources	
Earnings from Permanent Funds & Endowments	132.24
Revenue from State Sources—Sweepstakes	1,156.54
Revenue from Federal Sources	
National Forest Reserve	4,331.83
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TOTAL	\$54,578.47

PAYMENTS

Orders of School Board	\$54,462.27
Cash on Hand at End of Year	
June 30, 1979	116.20
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TOTAL	\$54,578.47

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
Fiscal Year July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979
School District of Benton

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1978		\$ 114.90
Received from Selectmen		
Current Appropriation	\$48,842.96	
Revenue from State Sources	1,156.54	
Revenue from Federal Sources	4,331.83	
Received as income from Trust Funds	132.24	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$54,637.47
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR		54,578.47
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		54,462.27
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BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1979		\$ 116.20

July 3, 1979

MAXINE TYLER
District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of BENTON of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, and find them correct in all respects.

July 11, 1979

IONA V. BOUTIN
Auditor

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I herewith submit my fifteenth annual report to the voters of the Benton School District.

The priorities of any organization are changing constantly depending upon resources available to a company, school or other agency. With the advent of a possible recession, high energy costs, more bureaucratic red tape, programs foisted on local school district, shrinking dollars, etc., we must address ourselves to providing every economy and, at the same time, provide for a good educational system within the ability of the community to support the schools economically.

An interesting study has recently been released comparing the priorities of school boards to those of the general public. This is a nationwide study and would vary in different parts of the country. It does, however, serve as a frame of reference for all of us to study.

BOARD PRIORITIES

Declining Enrollments
Collective Bargaining
Cutting Programs
Curriculum Reform
Discipline
High Cost of Energy
Federal Interference
Declining Tax Base
Staff Cuts
Public Apathy
Outmoded Facilities
Accountability
Drug Abuse
Teacher Militancy
Student Legal Rights
Desegregation

PUBLIC PRIORITIES

Discipline
Drug Abuse
Declining Tax Base
Curriculum Reform
Poor Teachers
Desegregation
Crime/Vandalism
Overcrowded Schools/Classes
Student Apathy
Parent Apathy
Teacher Apathy
Alcoholism
Mismanagement
School Board Policies
Communication Problems
Outmoded Facilities
Federal Interference
Parent Involvement
Teacher Militancy
Declining Enrollments

Many of the priorities listed above are evident in our community and, it appears that school boards are working at cross-purposes with the general public. But, when working with the general welfare of everyone, not your own personal or group priorities, your perspective changes dramatically.

Energy and inflation are the two greatest problems facing us from an economic point of view. In June of 1978 #4 fuel oil cost school districts \$13.25 per barrel (42 gallons), and at the present time the cost is \$32.57 per barrel. We have been told that in the fiscal year 1980-81 #2 fuel oil will cost in the neighborhood of \$1.35 to \$1.50 per gallon. In order to budget for energy we have more than doubled our costs for next year.

Inflation is no better. Economists are telling us that inflation is running at 13.3% and we can expect double digit inflation for the foreseeable future.

These concerns in our economy are having a disastrous effect on school costs. We cannot control the costs, but we are trying to budget very carefully in all areas so that taxes may be held to a minimum.

Our enrollments for this school year are as follows:

Kindergarten	3	Grade	7	8
Grade	1	2	8	6
	2	4	9	6
	3	5	10	3
	4	4	11	1
	5	5	12	2
	6	4		

COST BREAKDOWN

Kindergarten	3 @ 475.	1,425.
Elementary	24 @ 975.	23,400.
Junior High	14 @ 1,350.	18,900.
Senior High	12 @ 1,650.	19,800
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Total		63,525
Budgeted		61,125.
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Deficit		2,400.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Benton School Board and voters for their support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
NORMAN H. MULLEN
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S
and
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent and assistant superintendent.

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expense is prorated among the several school districts of the Unit on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of S.A.U. #23, during the 1979-1980 school year, will receive a salary of \$28,210.00, prorated among the several school districts. The Assistant Superintendent will receive a salary of \$23,219.00, prorated among the several school districts. Allowance for travel within the Unit for the Superintendent is \$3,000.00 and for the Assistant Superintendent, \$2,000.00 also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salaries and travel to each school district:

	Superintendent's Salary	Travel
Bath	\$ 1,489.49	\$ 158.40
Benton	369.55	39.30
Haverhill Cooperative	12,299.56	1,308.00
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	9,348.79	994.20
Monroe	1,681.32	178.80
Piermont	1,754.66	186.60
Warren	1,266.63	134.70
	<hr/> \$28,210.00	<hr/> \$3,000.00

	Assistant Superintendent's Salary	Travel
Bath	\$ 1,225.96	\$ 105.60
Benton	304.17	26.20
Haverhill Cooperative	10,123.48	872.00
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	7,694.78	662.80
Monroe	1,383.86	119.20
Piermont	1,444.22	124.40
Warren	1,042.53	89.80
	<hr/> \$23,219.00	<hr/> \$2,000.00

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENTON, N.H.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1979

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Name of Mother Name of Father
March 3 Austin Earl Barnard	M	Adele Marie Henderson Charles Deyo Barnard
September 18 Katherine Elizabeth Elliott	F	Laurie Sawyer Elliott Daniel Randy Elliott

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BENTON, N.H.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1979

Date of Death and Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Mother Name of Father
September 1977 Grover T. Rollins	68	N.H.	Hattie Clark Ervin Rollins
February 23 Chester Milne	68	N.H.	Mary Pineo James A. Milne
June 23 Theophile Aubie	79	N.H.	Demerise Tanguay Theophile Aubie
August 9 Edith Nelson Tyler	70	N.H.	Eva Wheeler Ernest Nelson
October 16 Romeo King	81	VT	Carrie Godfrey Fred King

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